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The Metrolina Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers celebrated its fourth annual Conle J. Williams Community Service Awards Dinner on September 11. John E. Gordon (l), president of the organization, presented the Community Service Award to the night's honoree, Douglas Boyd (r), Executive Director of the Bethlehem Center, Inc. of Charlotte.

## Gantt Speaks At MED WEEK SBA Luncheon

Johnson C. Smith University will host the Annual North Carolina Minority Small Business Awards Luncheon, September 30, 1987, at 1:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Harvey B. Gantt, Mayor, City of Charlotte.

The luncheon, co-sponsored by the U. S. Small Business Administration, the Charlotte Minority Business Development Center and other city and county agencies, is held each year in observance of Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED WEEK) and precedes the national celebration of MED Week '87 in Washington, D.C. This year the SBA has chosen to recognize graduates of the Section 8(a) Program who have continued to operate successfully in the commercial marketplace.

Each SBA District Office will select a Minority Small Business Person of the Year from the Section 8(a) graduates within their state.

These firms will contend for the Regional honor. During MED Week '87, (October 4 - 10), the 10 Regional winners and the National Minority Small Business Person of the Year will receive awards at a ceremony in Washington D.C.

Mr. Charles G. Fuller, President and owner of Fuller Oil Company, Fayetteville, has been chosen as the North Carolina Minority Small Business Person of the Year. Fuller Oil Company participated in the Section 8(a) Program from 1975 to 1984. During this time the firm's sales increased from less than \$500,000 to more than \$10,000,000 per year. Successful minority-entrepreneurs from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area will be recognized by the Charlotte Minority Business Development Center.

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## Masons To Meet Oct. 1, Hooks To Speak at Fete

By Jalyn Strong  
Post Managing Editor

Twenty-five hundred Prince Hall Masons of North Carolina and other jurisdictions are expected to arrive in Charlotte next week to take part in the renowned fraternity's 117th Grand Communication at the Adam's Mark Hotel on McDowell St.

The two-day event begins Thursday, October 1 with registration and culminates on Friday with a Fellowship and Recognition Banquet.

Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP will be the guest speaker for the banquet. Hooks is the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The banquet is opened to the public.

The communication of the Prince Hall Masons of North Carolina is authorized by William A. Clement, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction.

The purpose of the conference is for the members to review the state of the organization and transactions of business. During the two day conference, there will be meetings of the organization's several committees, a Past Masters' Luncheon, Clement will offer an address before the gathering, and there will be a tour of Charlotte for visiting Prince Hall Masons.

The solemn and reverential event of the Masonic Lodge of Sor-



Benjamin Hooks

row will take place on Thursday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., at the Little Rock AME Zion Church on McDowell St.

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## Voters Stay From Primary

Bob Davis To Face Dan Clodfelter In Runoff Election

By Herb White  
Post Staff Writer

Black candidates for Charlotte city council fared well in Tuesday's primary, although voter turnout was lower than expected. Despite good weather, only 9.3 percent of 193, 105 registered voters went to the polls for the two-party primary.

Ten-year incumbent Charlie Dannelly retained his District 2 seat by defeating Steve Barker, a political newcomer. With no Republican candidate to face in the Nov. 3 general election, the Democrats are assured of the seat.

Ella Scarborough will take on Republican Roosevelt Gardner in the District 3 election. Mrs. Scarborough, with 931 votes, turned back challengers Samuel Carr and Paul Recard, with 423 and 96 votes respectively.

Ron Leeper, an incumbent in District 3, received the second highest number of votes for at-large seats in the Democratic primary behind mayor pro tem Al Rouso. Leeper garnered 8,103 votes to Rouso's 8,654 as eight candidates compete for four council seats.

Leeper said he was happy with the primary results, which included some surprising strength in white precincts in addition to black precinct support.

"I'm always happy, he affirmed. "Our goal was to be one of the four nominees."

Leeper said his best support came from the west side of town, which includes District 3. Southern districts provided more support than expected, especially in precincts that make up districts 5



Photo By Calvin Ferguson

Where were you when the voting took place? Many Charlotte polls were empty, like this one at the Staff Development Center on West Blvd, as registrars awaited the scant number of citizens who

turned out for the primary elections Tuesday night. Less than 10 percent of Charlotte's registered voters cast their ballots.

and 6. "It shows that we have name recognition in areas where we haven't run before," Leeper asserted.

Leeper said his campaign is in the process of making plans for the November election, where the competition will be heated.

"The numbers in the primary don't mean a thing," he stated. "It all starts over now and our focus is on the general election. For all practical purposes, we're comfortable with the position we're in right now."

Bob Davis said he is happy to

have an opportunity to win a seat but he'll have to win a runoff election Oct. 13 against Dan Clodfelter.

Davis got 1,139 votes in the primary compared to Clodfelter's 1,009. Davis has experience in runoff elections, losing a bid for an at-large seat on the council in 1984.

Davis lamented that the low voter turnout may have hurt his chances for an outright victory but the results were encouraging.

"I'm happy the election came out as well as it did although 130 votes separated me from a clear

victory and a runoff," Davis stated.

To avoid a runoff, the top vote getter must have more than half of all ballots cast.

Voter participation will be the

key to the election, Davis said. Because there will be no other races on the ballot, voters who cast ballots in the primary may not next month.

Yesterday's win can be a reality on Oct. 13 if they go back to the polls," Davis said.



Photo by Frank Williams

During the third annual banquet of the West Trade-Beatties Ford Area Merchants Association, Nasif Majed, president of the organization, was honored with the "Good Neighbors" award, given by the National Conference of Christian and Jews

and presented by city councilman, Ron Leeper. Watching him accept the award are (l) Pettis Norman, the guest speaker for the evening and (r) Dr. Albright, president of Johnson C. Smith University.

## Business Can Help West Side

By Loretta Richardson  
Post Staff Writer

Three years ago a group of entrepreneurs whose businesses lined up along the corridor of West Trade Street and Beatties Ford Road banded together to improve the area's physical appearance and to revitalize it economically.

Slowly, but quite visibly the area began its transformation. Project Catalyst was born. New businesses moved in the area. And recently, at the third annual banquet of the West Trade-Beatties Ford Area Merchants Association, president Nasif Majed announced to the gathering that members of the association would soon meet with Mayor Harvey Gantt and Charlotte's chief of police to discuss safety in the community.

Speaking to those who congregated at the recent banquet, Majed who was bestowed with the "Good Neighbor" award by the National Conference of Christian and Jews said, "In the words of Edgar Guest, someone said it couldn't be done. But we have set

goals; we have dreamed dreams and we are realizing those dreams. We are rebuilding our community."

The third annual West Trade-Beatties Ford Road Area Merchants banquet, held at McDonald's Cafeteria took time to highlight the organization's past successes and future endeavors. Guest speaker for the evening was Pettis Norman, a former professional football player and Dallas entrepreneur. Prior to his speech, Norman complimented the West Trade-Beatties Ford Area Merchants Association for its efforts to revitalize the West Charlotte Area.

"There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come; Project Catalyst is that idea," stressed Norman.

But as good as the ideas are that have come from the Merchants Association Norman warned that the West Charlotte revitalization is far from completion. "It's just on its way," cautioned Norman.

Norman reminded the audience that the problems of rebuilding being faced in West Char-

lotte is a problem being tackled by most black communities in America.

"Until we can answer the four question posed to us by Lerone Bennett: 'Where are we going? How will we get there? Will where we're going take us to where we want to be?' and 'Where do we want to be?' we will never make any progress," enforced Norman.

According to Norman the answers to those questions lie within a system that is about to self-destruct. "Racism, sexism, and classism is prevalent in America. In education we have bad administrators. In finance there's red lining. The judicial system has insensitive police officers and in the political arena there gerrymandering."

"Watershed times" is how Norman described the nation's state economically, politically, educationally, morally and spiritually.

The growing underclass, the 35% of blacks living in poverty

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## Minister Opposes Contra Aid

By Loretta Richardson  
Post Staff Writer

Local activist Rev. James Barnett is concerned about a possible confrontation in Nicaragua. He feels that in the event of war, only the poor and blacks will face battle. He's also concerned that while the United States has seen fit to send millions of dollars to Central America, no aid has reached South Africa where millions of natives are under repression.

On Tuesday, September 29 Rev. Barnett and a delegation he's formed called Blacks Against Contra Aid (BACA) will head towards Washington, D.C. for the purpose of lobbying against contra aid and holding a prayer vigil. BACA is set to meet senators Terry Sanford and Alex McMillan, as well as a North Carolina governor's aide, Carolyn Roberts. "We also have called Senator Jesse Helms' office to set up an appointment. But none of our correspondence has been acknowledged. When we arrive in D.C., BACA intends to go to Senator Helms' office anyway," stated Rev. Barnett.

Other plans scheduled include a meeting, (unconfirmed) with President Ronald Reagan to discuss the concerns of group. In that meeting the group hopes to present an 18-minute slide show of a Nicaraguan fact finding trip Rev. Barnett completed last year.

"What we want the president to see is that on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua, there are African Nicaraguans. Consequently, if a war were to occur in that country, blacks would be fighting against blacks."

Even if BACA doesn't get a chance to see the President, Rev.

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